

***Did you know that the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit enables companies to support local non-profit charities, at minimal cost, instead of sending their tax dollars to Harrisburg? It's true and it's that simple.***

**Keep your tax dollars in your community! Here's how . . .**

The EITC provides tax credits to eligible businesses who contribute to a **Scholarship Organization**, a **Pre-K Scholarship Organization**, or for educational improvement.

**We can direct your PA tax dollars to Armstrong or Butler County:**

- **Scholarships** to children to attend the schools of their choice.
- **Pre-K Scholarships** to children so families have the ability to choose the pre-Kindergarten that best fits the needs of their child.



The **ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** is approved as both a **Scholarship Organization** and a **Pre-K Scholarship Organization**, and has been providing this service for businesses, families, and their children in Armstrong County since 2001 and in Butler County since 2009.

### **A Great Way for Businesses to Direct Their Tax Dollars**

Businesses authorized to do business in Pennsylvania that are subject to one or more of the following taxes are eligible:

- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Capital Stock Franchise Tax
- Bank & Trust Company Shares Tax
- Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Institution Tax
- *Subchapter S corporations and other business entities that pay their State business taxes under the personal income tax on PA business income--NEW*

Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of businesses for the tax year in which the contribution was made. For contributions to Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organizations, a business may receive a tax credit **equal to 100% of the first \$10,000 contributed** and up to 90% of the remaining amount contributed up to a maximum credit of \$150,000 annually. For the K-12 scholarship program, tax credits are available equaling 75% of contributions up to a maximum of \$300,000 per taxable year; this can be increased to 90% of the contribution if a business agrees to provide the same amount for two consecutive tax years. If contributing to both, a business paying taxes in Pennsylvania can receive up to \$450,000 in tax credits annually.

### **Why is this important?**

With the help of EITC scholarships and contributions from business such as yours, more children may be able to attend the preschool and school of their choice. Statistics have shown that children who go to a quality preschool have better social skills, less grade repetition and special education, higher graduation rates, increased earnings, while having lower rates of crime, teen pregnancy, and smoking. K-12 scholarships provide families and children the opportunity to attend a school with higher teacher-to-student ratios or one that reflects their faith.

### **How will this work?**

The Armstrong County Community Foundation has separate accounts for Armstrong County & Butler County Scholarships and Pre-K Scholarships; companies may designate one or both counties to benefit from their contributions. These contributions, less the administrative fee allowed by the State, will benefit only eligible Armstrong or Butler County children. Students will be eligible for scholarships if their parents live or work in Armstrong or Butler County, their household income is less than \$50,000 with an additional \$10,000 per dependant (as defined by the IRS), and they are enrolled in a school located in the Commonwealth of PA. Our dedicated staff works closely with Armstrong and Butler County schools to advertise this wonderful opportunity to families.

### **How can this help you?**

Besides providing a wonderful service for Armstrong or Butler County children and families—some of whom may be your employees and customers--all EITC contributing companies are advertised on our website with a hotlink to your company's website. In addition, every correspondence with eligible families and thier schools mentions every company that has made the EITC scholarship opportunity possible. Visit our EITC webpage here: [www.accfound.org/eitc](http://www.accfound.org/eitc)

### **Where to apply:**

DCED Center for Business Financing, Tax Credit Division, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120; (717)-787-7120. Applications are approved on a first-come-first-served basis by date received and can be downloaded from the following website: <http://newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/funding-detail/index.aspx?progId=62>

Feel free to call contact DCED directly or Jessica, our Development Officer, at 724-548-1261 for more information or to begin the application process today. Please help us invest in the future of our children.

The children and families of Armstrong & Butler Counties thank you!

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